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SUBJECT: EC INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS SITUATION

REF: (A) NICOSIA 2457; (B) ATHENS 6112

1. IN DISCUSSION AUGUST 12 WITH ANDREANI (QUAI DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) OF CSCE SITUATION (REPORTED SEPTTEL), ANDREANI TOOK INITIATIVE IN RAISING WITH US QUESTION OF CURRENT WASHINGTON VIEWS ON POSSIBLE UTILITY OF FURTHER EC INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO MOVE CYPRUS SITUATION TOWARD SOLUTION. ANDREANI SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD TOLD THE FRENCH AT THE HELSINKI CSCE SUMMIT THAT THE U.S. WELCOMED EC EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION. SUBSEQUENTLY, EC CARRIED
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OUT MODEST CYPRUS INITIATIVE. EC NINE APPEAR TO BE

FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW UP THAT INITIATIVE WITH CONTINUED PRESSURE IN ATHENS, ANKARA AND NICOSIA. ACCORDING TO ANDREANI, THE FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO PUSH FOR RENEWED EC NINE ACTIVITY ON THIS ISSUE. THE CURRENT ITALIAN EC NINE PRESIDENCY, HOWEVER, IS RELUCTANT TO PRESS AHEAD. THIS RELUCTANCE, COMBINED WITH THE ANNUAL AUGUST SLUMP IN EUROPEAN FOREIGN OFFICE ACTIVITY HAS EFFECTIVELY BROUGHT TO A STOP ANY COORDINATED EC NINE EFFORTS. ANDREANI POINTED OUT THAT THE FRENCH FEEL THEY HAVE A SPECIAL ENTREE WITH CARAMANLIS IN ATHENS AND THAT THE GERMANS HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TURKS. USING THE EC NINE MECHANISM, THESE SPECIAL CHANNELS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON THOSE CAPITALS AND ON NICOSIA. ANDREANI SAID THAT IF THE SECRETARY STILL BELIEVES THAT EC NINE INITIATIVES COULD BE HELPFUL NOW IN IMPROVING THE CYPRUS SITUATION, THE FRENCH WOULD BE INCLINED TO PUSH HARDER FOR THEM. ALTHOUGH EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER, ANDREANI SAID THAT THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS EC NINE FOREIGN OFFICES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CARRY ON THE TYPE OF EC NINE CONSULTATION REQUIRED TO GET EC NINE INITIATIVES MOVING AGAIN PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER.

2. COMMENT: ANDREANI'S INITIATIVE WITH US SEEMS TO TIE IN WITH THE POINTS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD IN REF A AND TO CONFIRM ITALIAN FOOT DRAGGING REPORTED IN REF B.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM US WHETHER THE U.S. IS STILL INTERESTED IN PUSHING AN EC-9 INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS.
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